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23-5	Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mary of the Assumption	Rental Assistance and Grocery Gift Cards for Brookline Residents in Need	We provide assistance with rent, utilities, material items, and other essential expenses through a unique model that typically includes a home visit. We are requesting funds to meet an increased need for rental assistance since mid-2022 and expand our monthly grocery gift card program.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	Miriam Aschkenasy
23-6	Brookline Commission for the Arts	BCA Cultural Program Grants for Arts Organizations and Artists	The Brookline Commission for the Arts is applying for \$17,700 in ARPA funding to provide a Municipal Match of the grant the Town and BCA receives from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (a state agency), thereby allowing the BCA to award twice as much funding to arts organizations and artists for the presentation of cultural programs in Brookline. In addition to the public benefits of these cultural programs and their positive impact on the business community of Brookline, the arts organizations and artist who will be involved will benefit after having disproportionately suffered, financially and otherwise, from the impact of the pandemic.	\$17,700.00	\$17,700.00	Mike Sandman
23-7	Brookline Improvement Coalition, Inc. (DBA: Brookline Community Development Corporation)	Very Low-Income Housing Capital Repairs and De-Carbonization	16-unit Beacon Street apartment building for extremely low-income persons (income between \$0-29,000) is deteriorating and is in need of significant capital repairs. At the same time as making these repairs, we propose to de-carbonize by installing solar panels, batteries, and heat pumps.	\$756,000.00	\$756,000.00	Jennifer Raitt
23-14	Select Board	Town of Brookline Recommended ARPA Proposals Summary	Increasing public sector capacity in a green way while funding outreach and service access to disadvantaged populations.	\$4,978,040.00	\$4,978,040.00	All Members
23-15	Brookline Food Pantry	Funding for the Brookline Food Pantry	We are requesting additional ARPA funding to allow the Brookline Food Pantry to remain a consistent source of nutritious foods to those suffering from food insecurity.	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00	Arthur Conquest
23-18	FriendshipWorks, Inc.	FriendshipWorks and Brookline Council on Aging	FriendshipWorks seeks ARPA funding to strengthen and expand our work with the Brookline Council on Aging and the Brookline Housing Authority to promote healthy aging, improve quality of life and maximize independent living for low and moderate-income older residents in Brookline. We do this by connecting isolated and/or lonely elders with caring and trained volunteers, bringing them friendship, assistance and joy.	\$50,040.00	\$50,040.00	Mike Sandman
23-21	Gateway Arts (A program of Vinfen Co.)	Gateway Arts: Studio & Gallery Upgrades	Gateway Arts seeks to upgrade its Gallery and seven studio spaces where adult artists with disabilities create work for exhibition and sale to the public, and create a new studio that will attract and retain additional artists for our program. The upgrades will advance our efforts to recover revenue lost from negative impacts on our program as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. (Gateway Arts shut down for six months in 2020. and has slowly rebuilt its capacity since.) The upgrades will enhance our current working environment, allow us to offer our service to more disabled adults in Brookline and across Greater Boston, and enhance the program's economic impact in the Brookline Village commercial area.	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	Arthur Conquest
23-25	Bossman Construction Managment	Affordable Housing Program	Bossman Construction in partnership with Black and Brown Club will be purchasing vacant residential properties locally to develop them into affordable housing units for low income, BIPOC, and vulnerable families. All construction renovations will be interior, thereby maintaining the existing character of the building in the community while increasing affordable housing and creating a path for homeownership for low-income, BIPOC, those otherwise disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and other similarly vulnerable populations of Brookline residents.	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	Jennifer Raitt
23-30	Public Works	DPW - Teen Center Youthscapers Leadership & Work Development Program	Partnership with the Teen Center for a Youthscaper Summer Program where a cohort of teens apply for a leadership-work program where they develop leadership skills, realize the benefits of team building, and work on DPW projects for 20 hours per week to not only make money, but make a difference in their community.	\$74,500.00	\$74,500.00	Mike Sandman
23-31	School	Brookline Adult & Community Education: Summer Transportation for Children	To provide transportation to children who receive financial aid and live in a Brookline Housing Authority property or in Hancock Village, so that they may access a full-day of summer programming.	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	Brian Kane
23-34	Mothers Out Front	Addressing Health Equity for Renters by Reducing Exposures to and Risks from Gas Stove Emissions	Gas stoves are responsible for about 15 percent of childhood asthma cases in the Commonwealth, a risk equal to living with someone who smokes indoors (see reference #1 in attached "Additional Information"). This pilot aims to provide a pathway for self-identified renters or residents of low income to reduce these health risks by obtaining a free portable induction cooking kit.	\$10,700.00	\$10,700.00	Miriam Aschkenasy
23-43	Brookline for Racial Justice & Equity	Expanding Brookline's Capacity for Racial Justice & Equity	This grant will increase the capacity of Brookline for Racial Justice & Equity (BRJE) to partner with local government, community-based organizations, social service agencies, and our neighbors to design and implement racially equitable policies and practices and to assess their impact, as well as to provide educational programming and community-building events. This grant will also enable our organization to better support local government in engaging communities of color at a critical time when the disproportionate impacts of the pandemic are most noticeable, and to help increase the representation of people of color on boards, committees, and commissions.	\$475,000.00	\$400,000.00	Arthur Conquest

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23-44	Her Wings First	Her Wings First	We aid households to become food secure and self-sufficient through providing essential urban gardening tools and teaching families to grow which helps build stronger families, neighborhoods and communities. Urban gardening also helps with the anxiety many families felt as a result of the COVID 19 epidemic. Empowering people to take control of how they put food on the table.	\$53,667.99	\$53,667.99	Arthur Conquest
23-46	Brookline Center for Community Mental Health	Affordable Housing Assistance	The Brookline Center for Community Mental Health (the Center) proposes to assist eligible applicants' access and apply for the Town of Brookline's affordable housing lottery opportunities by providing timely direct case management assistance with housing applications, supporting clients in obtaining required supporting documentation and increasing the awareness of affordable housing units through outreach and marketing of the application process and opportunities available. The Center is requesting close to \$50,000 in funding over the next fiscal year to supplement our language line contract and support the partial salary and benefits of a program manager and designated half-time housing case manager who will receive additional training to increase skills and knowledge specifically related to affordable housing application and ownership process.	\$49,972.32	\$49,972.32	Jennifer Raitt
23-47	Brookline Asian American Family Network and Public Schools of Brookline	Mental Health Supports for AAPI students	This project would provide much needed resources to adequately support the needs of AAPI students, who have been especially impacted during COVID due to increased anti-Asian racism and most recently the tragic mass shootings in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay CA. These supports will include: clinical support for STAR Academy students;Â support and training for AAPI affinity group leaders, professional development for clinicians, teachers, and caregivers; supporting community-based events; internships/scholarships for AAPI students;Â AAPI curriculum development	\$103,735.00	\$103,735.00	Miriam Aschkenasy
23-50	Nigerian Professional Group, Inc.	Google Coursera Certification Program	NPG in partnership with BACE and BNBC will provide a Training Consultant Service of elite, highly educated, professionals to assist those enrolled in the Google Training Scholarship Program (Coursera: https://www.coursera.org/google-career-certificates) to ensure they have all of the technical and tutoring support needed to successfully complete the course and have the opportunity to gain employment in the field. These Training Consultant Services will be available to all 500 scholarship recipients given from Google, most likely in small cohorts through the 1 year period to complete the courses to ensure maximum efficiency and effectiveness which will increase the number of BIPOC, which are underrepresented, in these high-demand industries while promoting economic mobility for low-income residents through advanced training and skills development.	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	Miriam Aschkenasy
23-51	Brookline Teen Center	Brookline Teen Center 2.0 - ARPA Assistance	This BTC 2.0 - ARPA Assistance Proposal, if funded, has the potential to allow BTC to fully complete our post-Covid rebound and dramatically expand our staffing and programmatic offerings in a strategic manner. The resultant people and programs will offer tangible benefits and impact for all of our teen members but will specifically target and assist students of color, those in difficult financial situations, and all who need gaps in at-home and at-school supports filled.	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	Arthur Conquest
23-56	Brookline Improvement Coalition, Inc. (DBA: Brookline Community Development Corporation)	Establish fund for pre-development costs of developing affordable housing	BCDC requests \$600,000 revolving fund to be able to respond quickly when a prospective development opportunity presents itself. Expenditures will include deposits, architectural drawings, permitting, legal. These funds will be repaid with the permanent sources at the time that the financing closes, and will then be recycled back into the fund.	\$600,000.00	\$300,000.00	Jennifer Raitt
23-59	Brookline Community Foundation	Sustaining Brookline's Safety Net(work)	The Brookline Community Foundation (BCF) remains the standalone nonprofit organization best positioned to engage with and support the broadest reach of community partners in Brookline seeking to address the inequities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the continuation of BCF's Safety Net Grant Program, BCF will vet and work with a diverse array of organizations to provide emergency assistance for individuals and families disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	Mike Sandman
23-60	Brookline Community Foundation	Brookline Grants for Racial Equity and Transformation (B. Great)	BCF's Racial Equity Grant Program provides funding to address racial equity gaps that affect the quality of life for BIPOC people in Brookline and is the only grant program in Brookline that aims to address the impact of racism on the health, well-being, and overall quality of life for communities of color and reallocate resources and power to those members of our community who have been historically marginalized and disadvantaged. Support from ARPA in sustaining if not expanding this program (to Brookline Grants for Racial Equity And Transformation, or B.GREAT) would ensure that the Brookline community maintains its commitment to supporting people of color, particularly those most negatively impacted by COVID and others who have been historically and/or are currently marginalized and disadvantaged.	\$1,000,000.00	\$470,644.69	Arthur Conquest

Sub-Total: \$12,804,355.31 \$10,700,000.00

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23-3	Brookline Broadband	Better Broadband for Brookline - RFP	The Town of Brookline should increase the availability, affordability, accessibility, and quality of broadband services in Brookline, particularly for underserved residents.	\$40,000.00	n/a	Jennifer Raitt
23-4	Brookline Broadband	Better Broadband for Brookline - Infrastructure	The Town of Brookline should increase the availability, affordability, accessibility, and quality of broadband services in Brookline, particularly for underserved residents.	\$7,000,000.00	n/a	Jennifer Raitt
23-12	Black N Brown Club, Inc.	BNBC Job Skills - Aviation Training Program	The Black N Brown Club is establishing a 'first of its kind' training pipeline for low-income, BIPOC residents of Brookline to enter the general commercial aviation and drone aviation fields. This project will increase the number of BIPOC, which are underrepresented, in these high-demand industries while promoting economic mobility for low-income residents through advanced training and skills development.	\$2,514,000.00	n/a	Miriam Aschkenasy
23-13	Black N Brown Club, Inc.	Affordable Child Care	The Black N Brown Club will establish the first affordable childcare program in Brookline that accepts state subsidized vouchers. This program will be a major economic boost for low-income, BIPOC parents who lack access to local, affordable options for childcare, allowing them to enter or re-enter the workforce following the numerous challenges faced by working parents during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as provide employment and training via experts in the field for marginalized Brookline residents.	\$4,835,000.00	n/a	Miriam Aschkenasy
23-21	Information Technology	ITD Point-to-Point Optical Transport Services between 333 Washington Street and 1 Summer Street	We are seeking \$65K to obtain dark or lit fiber for point-to-point optical transport services between 333 Washington Street to 1 Summer Street, Boston.	\$65,000.00	n/a	Mike Sandman
23-22	Recreation	Robert T. Lynch Golf Course - Off Grid Golf Cart Storage Structure	We would like to replace our gas carts with electric costs, increase costs in the building industry make it difficult for a public golf course to afford getting off fossil fuels.	\$320,000.00	n/a	Brian Kane
23-31	Police	Safety and Community Enhancement Improvements for the Public Safety Building	We are seeking to enhance the lobby of our public safety headquarters 1.) to address accessibility and mobility issues, 2.) to accomodate victims, including the most vulnerable, who need to discuss issues in a private setting and 3.) to ensure officer safety from airbourne illnesses such as COVID as well as from criminal ats of violence towards police.	\$15,000.00	n/a	Mike Sandman
23-39	Building	Town Hall COVID-Resiliant Renovation	Switch from Fossil Fuel to Electric Power	\$2,100,000.00	n/a	Brian Kane
23-42	Brookline Improvement Coalition, Inc. (DBA: Brookline Community Development Corporation)	Improving Brookline's Safety Net	Brookline has many people in need, yet the current safety net often excludes people. This proposal seeks to find the gaps and propose solutions. In the interim, it will also offer support to those in need by promoting a needs clearinghouse.	\$320,002.00	n/a	Miriam Aschkenasy
23-49	Recreation	Fleet Deferred Replacement	COVID effectively halted regular fleet upgrades for many agencies. Now their vehicles are far beyond their regular life cycles. I am requesting to replace an outdated Sedan.	\$60,000.00	n/a	Brian Kane

Sub-Total: \$17,269,002.00